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1. In mid-September a shipment was made from Switzerland to the DDR via West Berlin of between 50 and 60 kilograms of platinum alloy (5% rhodium) in the form of wire mesh. The consignees at the DAHA confided in a private conversation that each day's delay in receiving this item was costing the DDR 70,000 marks. Elaborate precautions were taken to make certain that the item was transported safely from West to East Berlin. The ultimate customer is not known.

25X1A Comment: Platinum is said to be on the western A-1 list of strategic materials. It is understood that platinum nets are used in the manufacture of sulphuric and nitric acid.

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